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January 24, 2011

Ann Pedroza
State of Utah, Office of State Treasurer
E315 State Capitol Complex
Post Office Box 142315
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2315

Subject: Authorization for Release of Cash Deposit Held by Utah State Treasurer, Northstar Energy, LLC (formerly Aurora Oil and Gas), Vipont Mine, S/003/0035, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Ms. Pedroza:

The Utah State Treasurer is presently holding funds for the benefit of the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining as a form of reclamation surety for the following project:

Permit ID	Mine Name	BOND AMOUNT			OPERATOR Check payable to	Account Number
		Total Amount Held	Release Amount Requested	Amount to be Retained		
S/003/0035	Vipont Mine	\$18,600	\$13,600	\$5,000	Northstar Energy, LLC (formerly Aurora Oil and Gas)	

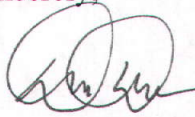
Please note that the total amount to be retained in the account for this project is \$5,000.

Please make the check payable to the operator and remit the funds to the Division, attention: Minerals Regulatory Program—Bond Coordinator. Aurora Oil and Gas declared bankruptcy and was reorganized under the name Northstar Energy LLC. The operator has confirmed that the check can be made payable to either entity.

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If you have any questions or require further discussion regarding this letter, please contact Penny Berry, bond coordinator, at 801-538-5291, or by e mail at bondcoordinator@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana Dean', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dana Dean, P.E.
Associate Director

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